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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

Medical Officer of Health

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Health Department,
Council Offices,
WHICKHAM,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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Public Health Department
Council Offices,
Whickham,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Whickham Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1954.

Dr. Thos. L. Kelly, M.B., B.S., was part time Medical Officer of Health during the year of this report but through ill health was unable to undertake its completion.

I took over duty as full time Medical Officer of Health on 1st January, 1955 and have undertaken the task on his behalf. I am much obliged to those members of the staff who have assisted me in doing so.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES TAYLOR,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres: 6,213

Population—1951 Census: 23,116

Population—Registrar-General's estimate for mid-1954: 22,870

Number of inhabited houses:

Council, 1,980; Others, 5,103; Total, 7,083.

No. of Premises other than houses: 489.

Rateable Value: £108,710.

Sum represented by a penny rate: £398.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES OF THE AREA

The boundaries remain as formerly, i.e., to the North the River Tyne; to the West, the River Derwent; to the East, the County Borough of Gateshead and the Rural District of Chester-le-Street; to the South, the Stanley Urban District. The Area is divided into four Wards.

1—**Dunston**: This Ward has the largest population of the District and is both residential and industrial. The population finds its employment at Flour Mills, Soap Works, Paint Manufacture, Pre-cast Concrete Manufacture, Saw Mills, Electricity Generating Station and in Shipping.

2—**Swalwell** The chief industries are Coal-mining, Engineering, Foundry-work, Brick-making, and Metal-working. A screening plant used in connection with open-cast coal workings is situated in the northerly part of the Ward.

3—**Whickham**: Is semi-rural in character, and is essentially residential. There is one coal-mine in the Ward. The population finds its employment outside the Ward.

4—**Marley Hill**: This Ward is very scattered and rural. Coal-mining is the only industry; there are four collieries in the Ward.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The number of births registered was 331 and the natural increase of population (i.e., excess of births over deaths) 69. There were 4 still-births.

The crude birth rate was 14.51 per 1,000 population as compared with 16.03 for 1953. Comparison tables are given.

Live Births - Whickham U.D. Area.

	1954			1953		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	149	170	319	190	164	354
Illegitimate	6	6	12	5	7	12
Total	155	176	331	195	171	366
Birth Rate	14·51 per 1,000 population			16·03 per 1,000 population		

Still Births - Whickham U.D. Area.

	1954			1953		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4	3	6	9
Illegitimate	–	–	–	1	–	1
Total	2	2	4	4	6	10
Still Birth Rate	0·17 per 1,000 population			0·44 per 1,000 population		

1954 - Still and Live Births - Whickham, compared with Country generally. Rates per 1,000 population.

	Whickh'm	County Durham	England and Wales	160 Cty. Boro's and Grt. Towns inclu'g London	160 Smaller T's Resident pop'n 25,000 - 50,000
Live Births	14·22	17·30	15·20	16·80	15·40
Still Births	00·17	00·45	00·36		

Deaths

The total number of deaths during 1954 was 262, and the death rate 11.49 as compared with 10.77 for 1953.

Infantile Mortality

There were 11 infantile deaths recorded (6 male and 5 female), giving an infantile mortality rate of 33.23 as compared with 24.6 last year.

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths were recorded, giving a maternal mortality rate of 0.00 as compared with 0.00 for 1953. The figure for England and Wales for the year 1954 was 0.69 and for Durham County 0.83.

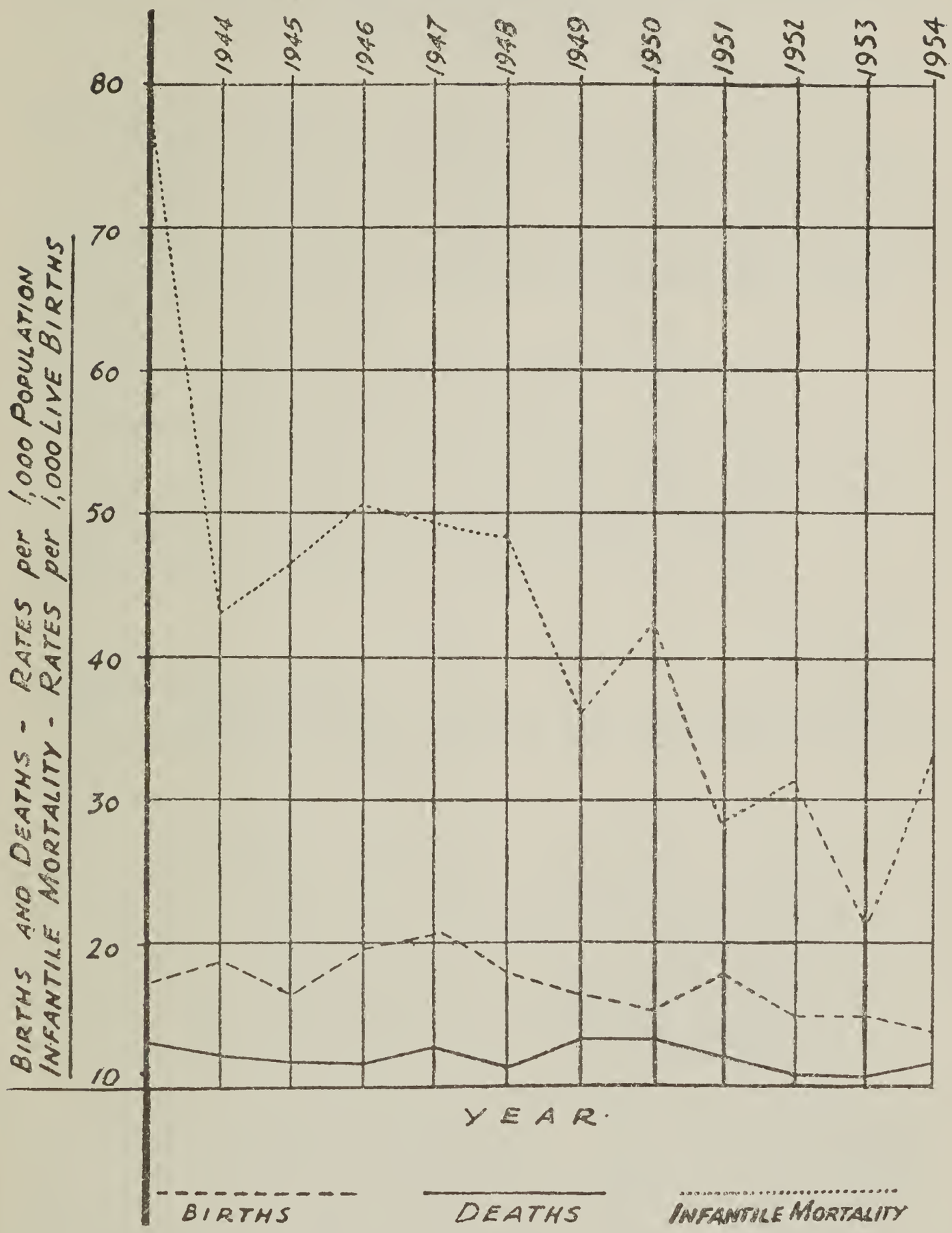
THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S SHORT LIST OF CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1954.

	Causes of Death	Males	Females
1	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	—
2	Tuberculosis (Other)	—	—
3	Syphilitic Disease	—	—
4	Diphtheria	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	—	—
6	Meningo Coccal Infection	—	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
8	Measles	—	—
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases .	—	1
10	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	4	7
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	3	—
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	3
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus . ..	—	6
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	17	10
15	Leukaemia and Aleukaemia...	1	—
16	Diabetes	1	3
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	24	28
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	31	9
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	2	8
20	Other Heart Diseases	13	18
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	11	5
22	Influenza	1	—
23	Pneumonia	1	1
24	Bronchitis	6	3
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	2	2
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	—	1
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	—
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ..	—	—
31	Congenital Malformations	4	2
32	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases .	7	12
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
34	All Other Accidents	2	—
35	Suicide	2	—
36	Homicide and Operations of War	1	—
		140	122

1954 DEATHS - WHICKHAM U.D. COMPARED WITH REST OF COUNTRY

	Whickham	County Durham	England and Wales	160 County Boroughs and Great Towns, inc. London	160 Smaller Towns Resident population 25000 - 50000
Deaths from all causes per 1,000 population ...	13·21	11·3	11·3	12·05	11·3
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	33·23	29·0	25·5	29·15	23·77

GRAPH SHOWING RISE AND FALL IN BIRTH AND DEATH RATES AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES 1944 - 1954



SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

All specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the public Health Laboratories, Newcastle upon Tyne. This Government service is free of cost to practitioners and the Council.

Bacteriological Examinations from Whickham District, 1954.

Year 1954	Blood								Faeces					Urine			
	Serological				Culture					Positive					Positive		
	No. of Specimens	Positive: Enteric	Positive: Food Poisoning	Positive: Other	No. of Specimens	Positive: Enteric, etc.	Positive: Streptococci	Positive: Other	No. of Specimens	Enteric	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Other	No. of Specimens	Enteric	Tuberoulosis	Other
1st Quarter									33				16	7		3	
2nd Quarter									42		10	1	2	17		5	
3rd Quarter	2								31		1			12		5	
4th Quarter	1								33		6		2	18		1	1
Total	3								139		17	1	20	54		14	1

Year 1954	Swabs						Sputum		Miscellaneous		Total	
	No. of Specimens	Positive: Diph Culture	Positive: Diph Virillence	Positive: Haemolytic Streptococci	Positive: Vincents Angina	Positive: Other	No. of Specimens	Positive T.B.	No. of Specimens	Positive	No. of Specimens	Positive
1st Qtr.	4	1					143	15	6	1	193	36
2nd Qtr.	6			3			159	24	11	2	235	47
3rd Qtr.	4					2	117	25	6	3	172	36
4th Qtr.	9			4		2	127	15	30	5	218	36
Total	23	1		7		4	546	79	53	11	818	155

Ambulance Facilities

Ambulance services are provided by the Durham County Council. Included in this service is the transport of cases of infectious disease to Sheriff Hill Isolation Hospital.

Nursing in the Home

The administration of District Nursing comes within the province of the Durham County Council. The Home Help service is also available and there is a constant demand for assistance in view of difficulty in obtaining admission of cases of chronic illnesses to hospital at the present time.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Facilities for the treatment of minor ailments in school children together with sun-ray, maternity and child welfare, and dental treatment, are made available by Durham County Council at various centres within or adjacent to the area.

Hospital Accommodation

(a) **Infectious Diseases.** All cases requiring isolation are referred to Sheriff Hill Isolation Hospital.

(b) **Tuberculosis.** Provision is made for the hospital treatment of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in various sanatoria within the Counties of Durham and Northumberland. There is also a Chest Clinic situated at Whickham for the supervision of domiciliary cases. Norman's Riding Infectious Diseases Hospital is now used solely as a Sanatorium for females and children. At the end of the year persons having pulmonary tuberculosis were being admitted to Sanatoria very shortly after diagnosis was established. This speedy primary treatment gives patients a much greater expectation of recovery and complete cure.

(c) **General.** The Royal Victoria Infirmary and the General Hospital, Newcastle, and the Bensham and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, Gateshead receive the majority of medical and surgical cases from the district. A convalescent home at Wylam is available for patients after hospital treatment.

Provision for the treatment of minor surgical cases is also available at the District War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Whickham.

(d) **Midwifery and Gynaecology.** Of the midwifery and gynaecological cases sent to hospital, most find their way to the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle, the gynaecological department of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, the Bensham Hospital, Gateshead, or the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead.

(e) **Venereal Disease.** Patients may be referred by their doctors to the Venereal Disease Clinic at the General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The number of cases of infectious disease notified during the year was 182 as compared with 532 in 1953. The details were as follows:

Disease	No. of Cases		Remarks
	1953	1954	
Scarlet Fever	50	47	
Whooping Cough ...	109	63	
Diphtheria	—	—	
Measles	306	40	
Acute Pneumonia ...	16	11	
Meningo-coccal Infection	—	1	1954 one case not conf'd
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	2	1954 one case not conf'd
Acute Encephalitis ...	—	—	
Dysentery	24	7	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	2	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	—	
Smallpox	—	—	
Para-typhoid fevers ...	—	—	
Enteric Fever	—	—	
Food poisoning ...	8	2	
Erysipelas	3	7	1954 one case not conf'd
Chicken Pox	11	—	
Malaria	—	—	
Totals ...	532	182	

Incidence of Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, and Tuberculosis in the Whickham Area.

A graph is given on page 16 showing the incidence of these diseases over the past ten years.

Diphtheria.

For the sixth year in succession not a single case of this disease occured in the distrct. This is a cause of satisfaction and is proof of the effectiveness of immunisation.

Scarlet Fever.

The policy of home treatment of this disease has continued where satisfactory isolation arrangements were possible. When hospital isolation has been considered necessary it has always been possible to secure the patients' admission to Sheriff Hill Hospital. Terminal disinfection has been carried out in all cases of this disease.

Poliomyelitis.

Of the two cases notified, one non-paralytic case was confirmed in the Dunston Ward.

Dysentery.

All seven cases notified, were of the mild sonne bacterial type.

Food Poisoning.

Outbreaks, nil. Single cases, 2. Agent identified; Staphylococcus aureous, 2; cause unknown, nil—Total, 2.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases during 1954.

Disease	Total Cases notified	AGE GROUPS.								Cases admitted to hospital
		Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 and over	Unknown	
Scarlet Fever	47		1	16	28	2				8
Whooping Cough	63	5	9	21	26		1	1		
Acute Poliomyelitis...	2						1	1		2
Measles	40	2	8	12	18					
Diphtheria										
Chicken Pox										
Totals	152	7	18	49	72	2	2	2		10

Notifications of Infectious Diseases during 1954

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Un'r 5	5 - 14	15-44	45 -64	65 & over	Age un-kn'n	Cases admitted to Hos.
Acute Pneumonia	11	1		4	1	5		3
Dysentery	7	2	2	3				
Smallpox								
Acute Encephalitis								
Enteric or Typhoid Fever ...								
Paratyphoid Fevers... ...								
Erysipelas	7			5	2			1
Meningococcal Infection ..	1			1				1
Food Poisoning	2				3			1
Puerperal Infection ..								
Ophthalmia Neonotorum ...	2	2						
Malaria								
Totals	30	5	2	13	5	5		6

Notifications of Infectious Diseases during 1954.

Diseases.	MONTHS.												Totals	Wards			
	Jan'y	Feb'y	March	April	May	June	July	Aug't	Sept.	Oct'er	Nov'r	Dec'r		Dnstonu	Whick'm	Swalwell	Mar. Hill
Scarlet Fever ..	1	6	3	8	8	8	2	2	1	4	3	1	47	36	5	1	5
Whooping Cough ...		2							5	17	18	21	63	8	44	3	8
Acute Poliomyelitis							1	1					2	2			
Measles					3	4	7				7	19	40	16	10	5	9
Diphtheria																	
Chicken Pox ..																	
Acute Pneumonia ...	1	1		1	2	1	1			2		2	11	9		1	1
Dysentery	1					5				1			7	1	1	5	
Smallpox																	
Acute Encephalitis																	
Enteric or Typhoid F																	
Paratyphoid Fevers																	
Erysipelas	1	1	1	1	1	1		1					7	6			1
Meningococcal Inf'n				1									1	1			
Food Poisoning ..		1		1									2	1		1	
Puerperal Pyrexia...																	
Ophthalmia Neon'm	2												2	2			
Malaria																	
Totals	6	11	4	12	14	19	11	4	6	24	28	43	182	82	60	16	24

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 32 new cases of respiratory tuberculosis and 4 of non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified. The detailed figures are tabulated in tables A and B.

It was not necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, with regard to the employment of tuberculosis persons in dairies, etc., nor under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table A. Tuberculosis. Cases notified during 1954.

	Total	Dunston	Whic'ham	Swalwell	Mar. Hill
Respiratory ...	32	17	7	5	3
Non-Respiratory ...	4	1	1	2	–
Total	36	18	8	7	3

Table B. New Cases (including inward Transfers) and Mortality during 1954.

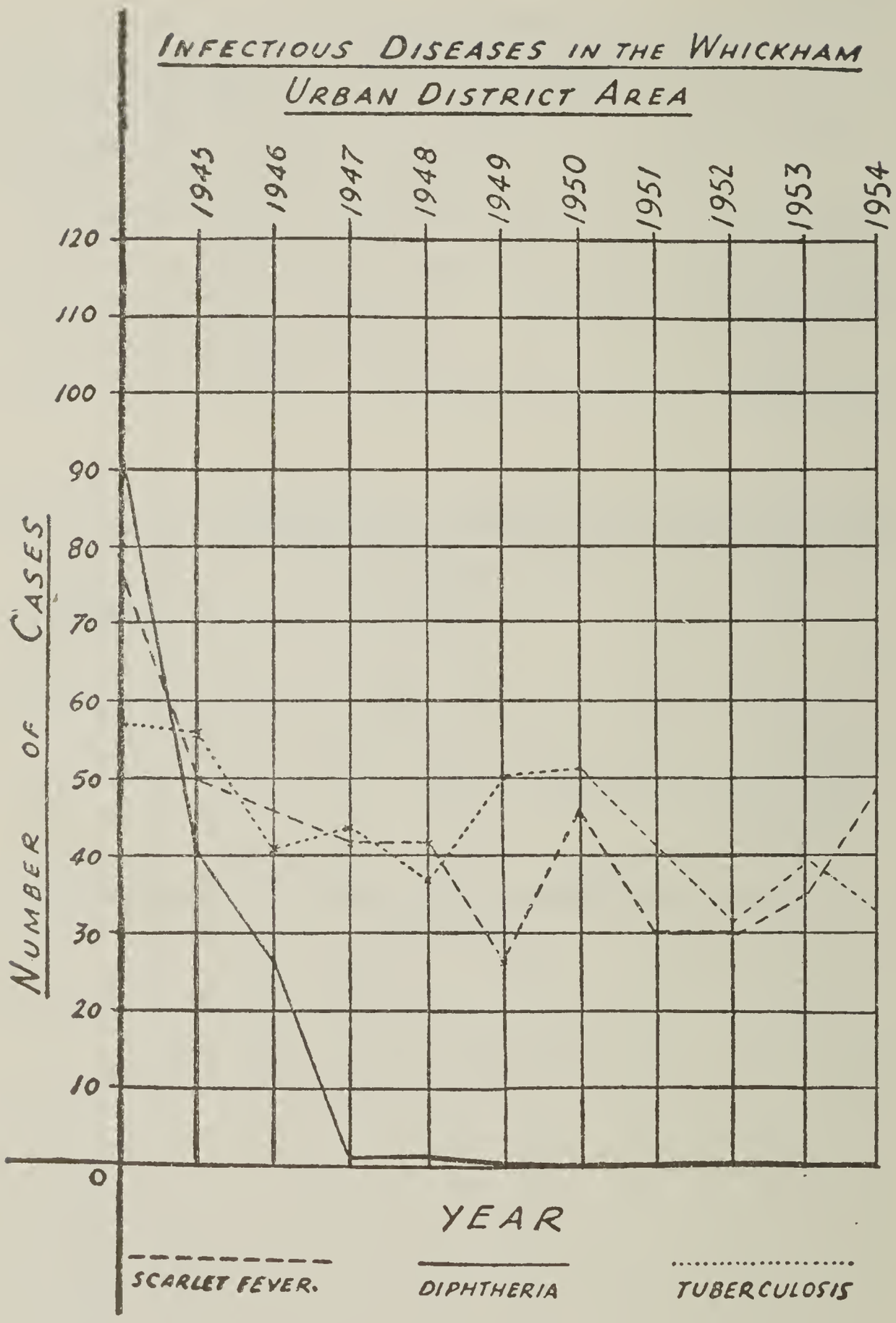
Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 yr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 — 15	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
15 — 25	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 — 35	4	5	—	1	—	—	—	—
35 — 45	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45 — 55	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 — 65	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Totals	18	14	1	3	2	—	—	—

Table C

Sex	No. of cases of Tuberculosis on Register at commencement of year.		No. of cases of Tuberculosis on Register at end of year 1953	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Male ...	73	8	81	9
Female ...	81	9	84	11
Totals	154	17	165	20

Table D—Removals from Register during **1954**.

Reasons.	Totals	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Died	2	2	–	–	–
Diagnosis not confirmed	2	1	1	–	–
Removed from district ...	13	6	6	–	1
Recovered	5	1	4	–	–
Totals	22	10	11	–	1


INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT AREA
1945
1946
1947
1948
1949
1950
1951
1952
1953
1954
120
110
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
NUMBER OF CASES
YEAR
SCARLET FEVER.
DIPHTHERIA
TUBERCULOSIS

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1 Water Supply

The Dunston, Swalwell and greater part of Whickham wards are supplied by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company, and Marley Hill Ward by the Durham County Water Board. Both supplies have proved to be of satisfactory quality and quantity. No samples were taken by the Department but both undertakings have furnished details of bacteriological examinations to which their supplies have been subjected and the results show the water to be of good, wholesome quality.

The following additional details are given:

Extension to water mains	75 yds.
Houses supplied by direct mains	7075
Houses supplied by standpipe	13
Houses supplied by wells and springs	6
Population supplied by direct main	22,811
Population supplied by standpipe	39
Population supplied by wells and springs ...	20

2—Closet Accommodation

At the end of the year there were in the area, 7,351 water closets, 4 ash closets, and 92 ashpit privies including 5 not in use.

Privy Middens

Two conversions were completed during the year, after informal action.

Four privy middens were demolished.

Five were out of use following the closure of the properties served.

3—Public Cleansing and Salvage

The following information relating to Public Cleansing has been supplied by the Council's Surveyor.

Tons of refuse collected	13,671
Number of separate premises served	7,159
Material salvaged	59 tons 6½ cwts.

All refuse is disposed of by tipping at Dunston, Sunniside and Byermoor.

Summary of work done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during 1954.

	No. of Inspections	No. of Informal Notices Served	No. of Statutory Notices Served	Defects Remedied after Notice
Housing:—				
Public Health and Housing Acts	1077	164	26	440
Overcrowding	14	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Defective	119	27	1	29
Drainage	145	33	1	35
Water Supply	133	53	1	54
Food Premises	234	40	—	34
Shops Act	31	—	—	—
Dairies	—	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses:—				
Public	—	—	—	—
Private	6	2	—	6
Tents, Vans, etc.	19	—	—	5
Offensive Trades .	2	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces ..	19	1	—	5
Keeping of Animals	2	1	—	1
Insanitary Ashpits & Receptacles	123	28	11	35
Offensive Accumulations ..	6	2	—	2
Smoke Nuisances ...	7	2	1	2
Prevention of Pests Act, 1949 ..	12	4	—	3
Total	1949	357	41	651

Legal Proceedings

Two applications were made for Nuisance Orders both of which were granted.

Proceedings were also taken for non-compliance with a Nuisance Order, the defaulting owner being fined £5 with a further penalty of £2 for each day the offence continued.

Moveable Dwellings

Under the Public Health Act, 1936, three licences were issued, each for a six-month period.

Two unlicensed caravans were removed following informal action.

Offensive Trades

No new trades have been established. No complaints have been received in regard to the offensive trades established, i.e., one soap boiling works and one fat and tallow melting works.

Factories

Fifteen inspections were made during the year and one notice was served to remedy defective sanitary accommodation. The following table gives the numbers of factories of various classes which are on the Council's Register.

Premises	Number of			
	Premises on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1 Factories with Mechanical power ...	72	15	1	—
2. Factories without Mechanical power ...	2	—	—	—
3. Other premises under the Act, including works building and engineering construction, but not including out-workers premises	7	4	—	—
4. Outworkers premises ...	3	3	—	—
Total	84	22	1	—

Work Done

Sanitary accommodation cleansed/repaired 4

Shops Act, 1950

Thirty-one visits were made in connection with the health and welfare provisons of the Act, and improvements were secured in washing facilities.

The Council is a Shops Act authority. The Act's requirements have been generally observed in regard to half-day closing, hours of closing, Sunday trading, etc. ; advice has been given where necessary. Most shops in the district close before the statutory closing hours and observe the half-day closing requirements, although there is no fixed day. No complaints were received from tradespeople or employees.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Rodent Control

Number of properties in area	7497
Number of properties inspected	167
Number of properties inspected found to be infested with :—	
(a) Rats, major	Nil
minor	29
(b) Mice	61

The above infestations were all treated by the Rodent Operative. The cost was recovered from the owner or occupier as applicable. A standard charge of 3/0 was made in the case of treatments for mice in domestic premises.

The sewers were treated twice during the year.

Insect Pest Control.

A D.D.T. powder is issued to householders, free of charge, to deal with minor infestations, mainly of cockroaches. Remedial measures are taken by this department in cases of difficulty.

Infestations of bed bugs were dealt with in three private houses. Other infestations dealt with were :—

	Private houses	Council houses
Ant	1	—
Woodworm	7	—
Cockroach	6	3
Flea	1	—
Wasp	1	—

SECTION E

HOUSING AND HOUSING MANAGEMENT.

The undermentioned information has been supplied by the Council s Surveyor.

Number of houses built in the area duri ng 1954.

Houses built by private enterprise	142
Permanent houses built by Whickham U.D.C. ...	99
(All in the Whickham Ward)	
Total	241

Comparative figures—1945 to 1954.

Houses Built	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	Total
Whickham U.D.C.	—	—	73	80	50	68	72	54	112	99	608
Private Enterprise	1	12	26	8	8	9	15	17	26	142	264
Total	1	12	99	88	58	77	87	71	138	241	872

Allocations.

During the year 99 new houses were let and in all 206 tenancies were allocated; in 1953 112 new houses were let and 205 tenancies were allocated; in 1952 54 new houses were let and 111 tenancies allocated

Demand for Council Houses.

The demand for housing accommodation continues, accurate figures are not available of the number of applicants at the year end, but little numerical change is anticipated.

Slum Clearance, etc.

Demolition orders were made in respect of four individual unfit houses, two were demolished, five others were demolished by agreement.

One closing order was made and one house was closed in pursuance of an undertaking under S. 11 Housing Act 1936.

No slum clearance or improvement schemes were undertaken.

Proposals under S. 1 Housing (Repairs and Rent) Act 1954 for dealing with unfit properties were submitted to the Minister on the 22nd of November.

SECTION F

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

This district is part of a specified area in which milk of special designations only may be sold.

Dairies

There are no dairies as defined by the Milk and Dairies Reg., 1949

Dairy Farms

The supervision of milk production at the 15 dairy farms in the district is exercised by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Approximately 2 gallons per day of loose ungraded milk is sold for catering purposes.

Distributors

There are 50 purveyors of milk.

During 1953 and 1954 the following annual licences for designated milks were issued :

	1953	1954
Tuberculin Tested Milk Dealers' Licences	8	8
Tuberculin Tested Milk Dealers' Supplementary Licence	2	2
Pasteurised Milk Dealers' Licences	10	11
Pasteurised Milk Dealers' Supplementary Licences ...	2	2
Sterilised Milk Dealers' Licences	40	49

One dairy farm retails accredited milk in the area.

Milk Sampling

14 samples of all milks were taken. A sample submitted to the biological test was free from tubercle infection.

No samples of graded milk failed to pass the Methylene Blue Test out of 12 submitted—0% as compared with 16% last year, and 5% in 1952.

A sample of ungraded milk submitted to the Methylene Blue Test failed to pass, 20% of samples of this milk failed in 1953 and 54% in 1952.

Milk Sampling, 1954—Results of Bacteriological Examinations

Type of Milk	No. of Samples Taken	Tests to which submitted—							
		Methylene Blue Test		B. Coli, Test		Phosphatase Test		Animal Inoculation for Tubercle bacilli	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Ungraded ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accredited ...	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Tuberculin-tes'd	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
T.T.(Pasteuri'd)	2	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Pasteurised ..	4	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Other heat-tr'td	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sterilised ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	14	12	1	—	—	6	—	1	—

Disease from Milk ...

No action was necessary under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations of 1949.

Food Sampling

The Durham County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority for the District and enforce the sampling provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938/50. The Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department has kindly furnished the following information

Number of samples obtained during 1954 ... 53
(one informal)

Articles purchased as under:—

1 Sugar
2 Tea
2 Butter
1 Coffee
1 Shredded Beef Suet
1 Condensed Milk
1 Currants
1 Tapioca
1 Peanut Butter
1 Whole Carrots
1 Strawberry Flavoured Essence
2 Malt Vinegar
1 White Pepper
1 Oranges
1 Ground Ginger
1 Ground Mixed Spice
1 Oxtail Soup
1 Preserved Beef Sausage
29 Milk
3 Sterilised Milk

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All samples were certified to be of genuine quality.

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

The Ministry of Food ceased to be responsible for Slaughtering on the 29th June, private slaughtering recommenced on the 2nd July.

Two slaughterhouses, both private, were licenced in the area

73 visits were made for Meat inspection purposes.

Six slaughtermen's licences were issued under the Slaughter of Animals Act for a 12 month period.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered by traders after being found unfit for human consumption:—

Tinned Goods

	Tins		Tins
Gammon ...	2	Pressed Brisket	1
Pork	1	Sausage ...	3
Luncheon Meat ...	5	Plums	8
Cooked Ham ...	17	Condensed Milk ...	3
Corned Beef ...	8	Evaporated Milk ...	24
Veal	1	Peaches	17
Steak	13	Oranges	1
Baked Beans ...	17	Fruit	2
Chicken	3	Grapefruit ...	6
Pickles	5	Raspberries ...	1
Tongues ...	3	Scotch Broth ...	1
Minced Beef	8	Oxtail Soup	9
Pineapple	9	Pears	21
Tomatoes	68	Apricots	15
Peas	42	Baby Food ...	177

Approximate weight of above foodstuffs—4 cwts.

Other Foodstuffs

	lbs.		lbs.
Beef	276	Split Peas	60
Pork	8	Side Bacon	10

Ice Cream

There is now only one licensed manufacturer in the area.

The factory is a model establishment, the product is of high bacteriological standard. All samples taken fell in grade 1 or 2.

S. 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938 ...

There are 42 shops, 3 canteens and 5 cafes registered for the sale of ice cream.

Food Premises

Number and Classification

Cafes	6	Public Houses ...	23
Industrial Canteens	12	Off Licences ...	1
School Kitchens ...	3	Wet Fish Shops ...	4
Hospital Kitchens ...	2	Grocers' Shops ...	37
Butchers' Shops ...	21	General Dealers ...	27
Bakehouses ...	5	Confection'y (Sw't) Shops	18
Fish and Chip Shops ...	11	Confection'y (Cakes) Shops	8
Halls (with catering) ...	4	Greengrocers ...	15
Social Clubs ...	7	Chemists	6
		Total ...	210

Fried Fish Shops

These shops are registered under Sect. 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938. The unsatisfactory premises referred to last year have now been closed.

Public Houses and Social Clubs

Improvement in glass washing facilities has continued. Four houses have been fitted with double sinks, automatic sterilent/detergent dispenser being fitted to the washing sink.

A similar unit has been fitted in one Social Club and a glass washing machine in another.

General

Washing Facilities

All food premises continue to have constant supplies of hot water

Protection of Unwrapped Foodstuffs on display in shops

The attention of all shopkeepers affected was drawn to the danger of contamination of certain foods, i.e., cream and similar cakes, made up meats, etc.

Provision of enclosed glass cases and plastic covers as a protection continue to proceed steadily.

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